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SUBJ: MTG. WITH UNESCO REGIONAL OFFICE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY  
IN ARAB STATES (ROSTAS)

1. J.MITH, E.PIKE (AID/W), L.EDWARDS (NSF), J. DAVENPORT (NAS)  
AND SCIATT MET WITH NEW DIRECTOR AND ROSTAS STAFF JUNE 28 FOR  
BRIEFING ON ROSTAS ACTIVITIES AND TO INFORM STAFF ON US BILATERAL  
S&T PROGRAMS IN EGYPT. DR. HIROSHI HARADA, DEP. ASS'T DIRECTOR  
GENERAL UNESCO SCIENCE SECTOR, PARIS WAS ALSO PRESENT.

2. ROSTAS DIR. DR. SAAD AL-RAWI, WHO HAD JUST ARRIVED TO REPLACE  
DR. KAMAL RAHIM WHO IS GOING TO UNESCO PARIS, DESCRIBED PROGRAMS  
WITH ASSISTANCE TWO US ASS'T DIRECTORS DRS. DAN ST.ROSSY AND  
MICHEL SAAD. DR. AL-RAWI HAD JUST LEFT POSITION AS IRAQI MINISTER  
OF EDUCATION. HE REC'D PH.D. AT STANFORD UNIV.. AL-RAWI EXPRESSED  
DESIRE TO SHARE INFO AND WORK WITH US WHEREVER INTERESTS CONVERGE.  
IT WAS AGREED THAT SCIATT AND DR. SAAD WOULD KEEP IN CLOSE  
TOUCH. SCIATT KEEPING, USAID/C AND USG AGENCIES AWARE OF  
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UNESCO ACTIVITIES.

3. ROSTAS COVERS EIGHTEEN ARAB STATES AND SEES ITS BASIC ROLE  
AS PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE POLICY AND STIMULATION  
OF ITS APPLICATIONS. AREAS OF PRIORITY INTEREST HERE ARE:  
"INFORMATIQUES", ECOLOGICAL SCIENCES, TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT,  
NUBIAN MONUMENTS, NATURAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND FOLLOW

ON TO THE 1976 CASTATAB CONFERENCE. ACTIVITIES INCULDE PROVIDING TECHNICAL EXPERTISE TO UNDP PROGRAMS, FELLOWSHIPS, SPONSORING MTGS/SYMPOSIA, GIVING EDUCATIONAL EXAMS IN GIZA AND SINAI. ROSTAS WORKS WITH GOVTS THROUGH THE UMESCO NATIONAL COMMITTEES IN EACH COUNTRY. IT SOMETIMES USES FUNDS IN TRUST PUT UP BY GOUT'S TO FINANCE PROJECTS OF INTEREST AND ALSO HAS WORKED WITH THE ARAB LEAGUE CULTURAL & SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATION(ALECSO) IN JOINT VENTURES.

4. DR. AL-RAWI SAID THAT UNESCO TREND IS TOWARDS DECENTRALIZATION OF ITS REGIONAL OFFICES. TO THIS END THE ROSTAS STAFF IS GROWING. DR. SAAD HAS BEEN ADDED AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERT WHO WILL COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH UNEP IS ARRIVING SOON. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE IN ARID ZONES STUDIES, MARINE SCIENCES/ OCEANOGRAPHY HYDROLOGY AND MINERALS.

5. DR. HARADA SPOKE BRIEFLY ABOUT 1979 UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH HIS RECENT DISCUSSIONS

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HE SAID THAT US HAD AGREED TO HELP SUPPORT CONFERENCE AND POSSIBLY TO PROVIDE EXPERTS TO AID LDC COUNTRY'S IN PREPARING FOR IT. HE ADDED THAT SITE OF CONFERENCE WAS NOT YET SETTLED.  
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